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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL COMMENTS ON OAS SPECIAL  
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1. IN MEETING JULY 20 WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, FRANK MACNIEL OF USOAS, AND EMBOFF, MINISTRY OFFICIAL EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION OF THE IMPORTANT IMPLICATIONS OF THE SERIES OF OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS, THE FIRST OF WHICH JUST CONCLUDED IN LIMA. MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAID COSTA RICA REGARDED RIO TREATY AS VALUABLE INSTRUMENT THAT SHOULD NOT BE GUTTED, ALTHOUGH HE RECOGNIZED SOME LATIN DELEGATIONS DID NOT SHARE COSTA RICA'S POINT OF VIEW. MINISTRY OFFICIAL EXPRESSED HOPE THAT USOAS WOULD WORK CLOSELY WITH THE MINISTRY IN PREPARING FOR THE UPCOMING SEPTEMBER MEETING. HE STRESSED THAT THE BEST WAY TO MAINTAIN A CONSTRUCTIVE PRE-MEETING DIALOGUE WOULD BE THROUGH EMBASSY SAN JOSE. THE MINISTRY HAS NOT YET DECIDED ON ITS DELEGATION TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING, BUT MOST LIKELY IT WILL BE COMPOSED EXCLUSIVELY OF MEMBERS DRAWN FROM ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. VICE MINISTER SALAZAR NAVARRETE, HOWEVER, MAY ATTEND FOR A FEW DAYS.

2. IN REMARKS TO THE PRESS ON JULY 20, HEAD OF THE COSTA

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RICAN DELEGATION TO THE LIMA CONFERENCE SALAZAR NAVARRETE SAID,

"THE OAS WILL NOT DIE...BUT WILL BE STRENGTHENED." BY THESE DELIBERATIONS. THE VICE MINISTER REPORTEDLY GAVE THE FOLLOWING RESUME OF THE COSTA RICAN POSITION WITH REGARD TO THE SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETINGS. HE SAID, ACORDING TO THE PRESS, THAT THE OAS CHARTER NEEDS CHANGES TO BRING IT UP TO DATE. "IT NEEDS TO BE SIMPLER WITH FEWER REGULATIONS." LIKEWISE, HE WAS QUOTED "WE BELIEVE IN THE NEED FOR CHANGES IN THE RECIPROCAL ASSIST-ANCE TREATY (RIO TREATY)."

3. WITH REGARD TO IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM HE SAID, "THERE IS A CONSENSUS IN THE NECESSITY OF LIVING AMONG STATES HAVING DIFFERENT CREEDS. "PLURALISM DOES NOT MEAN DISPLACEMENT OF DEMOCRACY." IN THE CASE OF THE U.S., SALAZAR REPORTEDLY SAID, "WE BELIEVE THE UNITED STATES MUST BE IN THE OAS."  
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